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CHP LAUNCHES SPEEDER STRIKE FORCE ON INTERSTATE 5

The Massive Effort Covers All of I-5 From Border To Border

(SACRAMENTO) The California Highway Patrol (CHP) today kicked off a major statewide effort to reduce crashes caused by speeding. During the next couple of years, CHP officers will pay special attention to Interstate 5's speeding problem.

"Speed limit signs are not just suggestions, they are the law. We're going to be out there strictly enforcing them," stated CHP Assistant Commissioner Arthur Anderson. During a 24-hour period from 6:00am June 15, through 6:00am June 16, the CHP will launch extra patrols on the ground and in the air over I-5 from the Oregon border to Mexico.

"We are telling you in advance about today's deployment. In the future, however, the strike force will be launched without advance publicity," warned Asst. Commissioner Anderson at a news conference overlooking I-5 in downtown Sacramento. Other media events were held in communities throughout the I-5 corridor in hopes of spreading the word.

CHP statistics show that statewide 143,043 tickets were issued by CHP officers for speeding on Interstate 5 in 2004.

"The goal here is not writing more tickets, it's saving lives. We ask the public to help us in this regard," stated Asst. Commissioner Anderson. "Please drive the speed limit, buckle-up and don't drink and drive."

With summer driving season here, many tourists from other states will be driving among us and perhaps they are used to different driving laws or are unfamiliar with where they are going. So, drive defensively. Your life may depend upon it.

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